

# CITY FOCUS

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## DON'T MISS THE SWAG SEPT. 3

The SWAG Affair is back. The message at this free event is Sober – Wait – Awareness – Guidance. Clear your calendar for Thursday, Sept. 3, 4 p.m.-8 p.m., at Chisenhall Fields Sports Complex. The event is hosted by the Burleson Municipal Court and Burleson city marshals. As of June 23, more than 50 organizations had committed to participate. The court has partnered with K104.5 and K105.7 radio – 104.5 is hip-hop and R&B and 105.7 is R&B – as well as First Financial Bank in Burleson. This year's SWAG Affair includes a Kids Zone that's tailored to elementary school-age children. CareFlite will be landing a medical helicopter at the event, and the New Braunfels Police Department is bringing a DWI simulator. You'll also see several City departments – environmental services, fire marshal, Burleson Police Explorers, the fire department, Citizens on Patrol, and the library. SWAG includes food, fun, prizes, and giveaways as well as lots of educational and fun information. Don't miss it!

## WE'RE TAKING A BREAK ON LABOR DAY

Most City facilities will be closed Monday, Sept. 7, in observance of Labor Day. There will be no trash or curbside recycling collection. Hidden Creek Golf Course will be open for normal hours, 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Remember to stop by the BRiCk and swim for free that Monday, which is also the last day the outdoor pool will be open. All BRiCk indoor facilities will be closed. The library will be open during normal hours on Saturday, Sept. 5, will close Sunday and Monday, and will reopen for patrons on Sept. 8. The animal shelter will also be open on Sept. 5, then will reopen on Sept. 8. The Sept. 7 Burleson City Council meeting will take place on Sept. 8.

## MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL ADDS SEVEN

Seven new members have been appointed and new officers elected to the Burleson Mayor's Youth Council. The officers are Keegan Craddock, chair; Ethan Johnson, vice chair; and Noah Peters, secretary. New MYC members include Grayson Dreitner, Gracie Haase, Jordan Hillis, Ally Lucas, James Miller, Dylan Scott, and Jordan Wayson. They join Craddock, Katelyn Depoy, Lindsey Douglas, Jaden Griffin, Johnson, Devon Martinez, Peters, Hunter Preston, and Aidan Rasor. Mayor's Youth Council members must have a passion to be the voice of Burleson youth and show leadership qualities within the community. They are charged with identifying key issues facing Burleson teens; advising the city council on teen-related matters; planning activities and projects for Burleson youth; and maintaining youth council bylaws and structure. <http://bit.ly/MYC2015appointees>



## THREE WIN THREE-YEAR TERMS

By the time you read this, three Burleson City Council members (two incumbents and one newcomer) will have been sworn in and the mayor pro tem will have been voted in by his council peers. In May you voted councilmember Stuart Gillaspie and Mayor Pro Tem Dan McClendon back in to office. Dan O Strong won the four-way race for Jerry Allen's Place 3 seat in a June runoff election (Allen withdrew from the election in March). Gillaspie was unopposed for Place 1. McClendon kept his Place 5 seat when he earned 65.14 percent of the vote to challenger Mark Hotchkiss' 29.23 percent. And Strong snared 59.1 percent of the vote in June. Voter turnout in June was 1.52 percent. In May, the voter turnout was 2.15 percent of the total number of registered voters.



## BEAUTIFY BURLESON SEPT. 26

Come out and join the City of Burleson and Keep Burleson Beautiful with the Burleson Trash Bash on Saturday, Sept. 26. Your commitment of two hours, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., will make a difference. This is a semiannual campaign to beautify Burleson. During the event, volunteers remove litter and debris from retail corridors, waterways, drainage channels, streets, parks, and other public areas. Volunteers of all ages are welcome, but youth participants are required to have adult supervision. After the cleanup, volunteers will convene at Warren Park, 301 S.W. Johnson Ave., for free pizza and some prize drawings. You can get your group leader packet and sign up online at <http://bit.ly/TrashBash92015>.

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## CELEBRATE HISTORY AT FOUNDERS DAY OCT. 10



The 23rd annual Founders Day celebration is set for Saturday, Oct. 10, in the original Old Town Burleson. This year we're adding bluegrass to the mix. Look for strolling minstrels, fiddle players, children singing and performing on stage, a car show, food trucks, and more. The event kicks off just before 9 a.m. with a parade down Ellison Street. The daylong schedule is still a work in progress, but be sure to mark your calendars now!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO CITIZENS ON PATROL

Dedication and precision were recognized at the Texas Citizens on Patrol Association conference in June. Vicki McElroy and Kristy Gilbert were honored with lifetime memberships from the TCOPA, and Chuck Ashton won overall best shooter in the laser shooting simulator. The Burleson COPs patrol vehicle, a 2004 Ford Expedition, won third place overall in the conference car show. McElroy is the assistant Citizens on Patrol coordinator for the Burleson Police Department and a member of the Burleson Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. Gilbert is a member of Burleson COPs and was treasurer of the Texas COPs. Ashton joined the Burleson volunteer group in 2014. The Burleson COPs program was started in 2006. There are currently 30 active members. Burleson Police Sgt. Brian O'Heren is the coordinator. <http://bit.ly/COPShonors>



Vicki McElroy, Sgt. Brian O'Heren, and Kristy Gilbert

## FIGHT BACK AGAINST CRIME OCT. 10



There will be picnics, cookouts, and more in neighborhoods citywide on Saturday, Oct. 10, 6 p.m.-9 p.m., as Burleson celebrates National Night Out. National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support and

participation in anticrime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and to let criminals know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. The Burleson Police Department and other City staff will meet with neighbors, field questions, and have fun! The deadline to request that we visit your party is Oct. 1. To get involved, email Officer David Wardlaw at [dwardlaw@burlesontx.com](mailto:dwardlaw@burlesontx.com) or call 817-426-9958. Any neighborhoods requesting closures for their National Night Out get-togethers need to contact Rey Gonzales, assistant director of public works, at 817-426-9838 or email [rgonzales@burlesontx.com](mailto:rgonzales@burlesontx.com) for barricades. Local sponsors include Target, H-E-B, and 7-Eleven. The national sponsor is ADT.

## CHECK IT OUT ...

For City meeting times and dates, check the Public Notices page on the City website, [burlesontx.com](http://burlesontx.com). Meeting times are subject to change.

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### Animal Shelter

775 S.E. John Jones Dr.  
817-426-9283

### City Hall

141 W. Renfro St.  
817-426-9600

### Burleson Recreation Center

550 N.W. Summercrest Blvd.  
817-426-9104

### Compost/Mulch/Recycle Center

620 Memorial Plaza  
817-426-9830

### Fire Department

Main: 828 S.W. Alsbury Blvd.  
#2: 650 Memorial Plaza  
#3: 245 Lakewood Dr.  
817-426-9170

### Burleson Visitors Center

124 W. Ellison St.  
817-447-1575

### Hidden Creek Golf Course

555 E. Hidden Creek Pkwy.  
817-447-4444

### Library

248 S.W. Johnson Ave.  
817-426-9210

### Municipal Court

247 Elk Dr.  
817-426-9220

### Municipal Service Center

725 S.E. John Jones Dr.  
817-426-9830

### Police Department

225 W. Renfro St.  
817-426-9910

### Senior Activity Center

216 S.W. Johnson Ave.  
817-295-6611

For hours at each facility, go to [burlesontx.com/facilities](http://burlesontx.com/facilities). Hours are listed under each entry.

## EVENTS CALENDAR



### Burleson Old Town Boo Bash

Saturday, Oct. 24  
6 p.m.-8 p.m.  
124 W. Ellison St.  
817-426-9104

### Household Hazardous Waste, Electronic Recycling & Paper Shredding Collection

Saturday, Nov. 7  
9 a.m.-11 a.m.  
133 N. Main St.  
817-426-9842

### Military Veteran Tribute

Saturday, Nov. 7  
2 p.m.  
Veterans Memorial Plaza  
298 E. Renfro St.  
817-426-9104